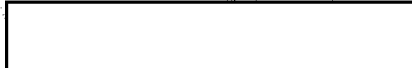


6 April 1949

Brig. General E. L. Wright, 015475



Dear General Wright:

I would like to tell you again how much we regretted to see you leave the Central Intelligence Agency. Please accept all our sincerest thanks for your most valuable contributions in the furtherance of our mission in which you have continuously displayed such a devoted interest.

As Deputy to the Director of the Agency from its early days in 1946, you have had a momentous task to perform, and those of us who have had the pleasure of working closely with you during that time know full well how untiringly you devoted yourself to the solution of the countless problems forever confronting an organization as complicated as ours.

The Central Intelligence Agency has been fortunate, indeed, to have had your services for the past three years, and your outstanding performance will continue to be reflected in the success of this enterprise for years to come. Your departure, I want you to know, leaves a vacancy which will not be easy to fill.

We have leaned heavily on you for guidance in the past, and we would like to feel free to call upon you for the benefit of your counseling from time to time, and I wish to assure you that we will always gladly welcome any criticisms which you care to make concerning any phase of our operations.

All of us join in wishing you every success in your new assignment, and I should like to express once more, both personally and officially, my appreciation for your splendid assistance, your loyal service, and your high level performance in your dealings within and outside the organization which has earned for our operations the confidence and cooperation so progressively evident here and abroad.

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